

January 13, 2006

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Gov. Schwarzenegger,

At the United Nations World Environment Day in San Francisco last June, you sent a signal to the rest of the country – and to the world – that California is serious about reducing our contributions to global warming. You said:

"I say the debate is over. We know the science. We see the threat. And we know the time for action is now."

We agree. We urge you and your administration to move forward expeditiously in implementing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our state to meet the targets you set: reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 2000 levels by 2020, to 1990 levels by 2020 and to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.

California is uniquely positioned to take the lead on policies to address global warming. Two initial steps that should be explored immediately include an enforceable cap on, and mandatory reporting of, greenhouse gas emissions.

An enforceable cap on emissions will send a clear signal to the market that voluntary programs cannot. It will provide enormous economic opportunities for California businesses and spur development of the cleantech industries that will help maintain California's competitiveness in the world economy and secure our state's future economic prosperity.

As a small business that provides energy efficiency services in California, with 10 employees, we offer proof of the opportunities for job growth and economic development that an enforceable program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would unleash. We stand ready to help meet the ambitious goals that you have set. We can do it – and we must do it, for our economy and our way of life.

You have our support, Governor Schwarzenegger. We urge you to now take strong action to ensure that California's global warming targets are implemented.

Sincerely.

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